

FWP Commission Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Meeting Date: January 13, 2011

Agenda Item: Kilbrennan Lake, Alvord Lake, Lincoln County

Action Needed: Tentative Approval

Background

Both Lakes are small, just over the 35-acre size for no wake restrictions (Alvord Lake is 53-acres and Kilbrennan Lake is 55-acres). The lakes are almost exclusively used as fishing opportunity lakes. Both lakes have primitive U.S. Forest Service boat-launch facilities. A very narrow open water use opportunity exist outside of the 200 foot no-wake regulations for western lakes on each lake. Recent complaints by the majority of the recreational users of the lake have been directed at eliminating the very small opportunities that disrupt the main recreational use of the lake.

Public Involvement Process & Results

The USFS has worked to gather signatures and explain their reasons for requesting this rule change. Local sporting clubs and businesses have been contacted. A very supportive response to the proposed rule change was received. County commissioners and the public have all expressed a very favorable response to implementing the rule change.

Alternatives and Analysis

No rule change would continue to cause conflicts to the anglers and the recreational users while providing a very minimal and limited benefit that can be found at closer lakes with better roads and access closer to the towns of Troy and Libby.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the commission adapt the proposed rule change. It will greatly improve the anglers and recreational users experience as well as clear up just how boaters are to operate on the entire two lakes. It will create a safer and more enjoyable opportunity while not limiting the user's boat or motor size only the boats speed.

Proposed Motion

Kilbrennan Lake and Alvord Lake located in Lincoln County near Troy Montana are established as no-wakes lakes and boats are limited to no-wake speeds on the entire lake.
